HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 9th October 2026 (postponed from the 29th September) in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.45pm after public consultation.

Present: - Councillor Browne, Councillor French, Councillor Price and Councillor Ralph.
The Clerk and RFO Anita Maxwell were in attendance along with one member of the public.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - Councillor Brown, Councillor Johnson-Cloves, Councillor Levine, Councillor Pakenham, District Councillor Barnes, District Councillor Killeen and County Councillor Ashdown.

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2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS: -
To sign as a correct record the minutes of the council meeting held on Tuesday 25h August 2026.
Proposed by Councillor Ralph and seconded by Councillor Price.
Unanimously approved.

3.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS*, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct: to receive any disclosure by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.*
None declared.

3.1 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION *– to consider written requests from Members for Dispensation and to consider the length of time the dispensation should be granted for i.e. as a one-off relating to a matter on this agenda, or ongoing for a set period and relating to any agenda within that period.*
None received.

4.0 FINANCE Report
The RFO, Anita Maxwell gave her report..
4.1 To approve bank reconciliation and corresponding bank statements
Proposed by Councillor French and seconded by Councillor Price.
Unanimously resolved to approve.
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4.2 To approve expenses and payments for September as itemized on the schedule
Resolution to approve payments proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Ralph. **Unanimously supported.**
It was agreed by the council that the brambles should be cut back in Drewetts Field using the maintenance money saved from the reduced mowing costs**.**

4.3 To note year to date accounts
Noted. .

4.4 To note current earmarked reserves and approve any transfers
It was agreed by the council to transfer £20,000 (two payments of £10,000) to the interest account (6779).
CiL money totalling £976 needs to be allocated by the end of the month so agreed to use it towards the new water supply to Lodge Field.

4.5 To note new NJC pay scales from 1st April 2026
Noted.

4.6 To note external audit report and conclusion of audit
Noted.

4.7 To formally approve expenditure needed for work to be carried out on Corner Garden.
Councillors had informally agreed that £700 should be used to pay for the cutting back of vegetation in Corner Garden in order for it to be planted up by Planters.
Due to the time sensitive nature of this the Clerk and Chair approved this so that it could go ahead.

Formally proposed by Councillor Browne and seconded by Councillor Ralph..
Unanimously resolved to approve.

4.8 To approve the fixed asset register
To be left for the Finance Committee to review with a provisional meeting date set for the 17th November at 7.00pm

The RFO left the meeting.

5.0 COMMUNITY Activities and reports.
5.1 District and County Councillors reports
No reports received..

5.2 Clerk's report including Parish Correspondence and local resident issues
The Clerk gave her report and noted any resident issues that had not already been circulated.
Resident at the meeting pointed out that a lot of the road signs were now out of date e.g. signage re waste and recycling and some housing estate road names almost illegible. To be investigated.

5.3 Urgent issues requiring attention
No additional items to those on the agenda.

6.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS, report
Clerk has rec'd notification from East Sussex Highways that no works are planned for Fysie Lane despite its very poor condition. Councillor Ashdown to be consulted on this matter.

7.0 PLAYING & STAGE FIELDS
7.1 Lodge field – Risk Assessment and actions required, *update*.
The Council's contracted maintenance person has been working through the risk assessment and making repairs as noted.

7.2 Notice boards for Lodge, Drewetts and Stage Fields, *update*
Councillor French reported that this was a work in progress and he was liaising with suppliers

8.0 PARISH COUNCIL ISSUES
8.1 Planning Committee report
Clerk reported that no updates have been rec'd and only one application, see agenda item 8.2 below.

8.2 Comments re planning application **RR/2026/1016/FULL**, Mill Barn, Silverhill, new agricultural entrance.
Due to the Planning committee being unable to form a quorum this application was put to full council.
Councillor Browne declared an interest as he carries out work for the applicant.

Councillors decided that this was a matter for East Sussex Highways and decided not to comment.

8.3 Council's response to Rother's Local Plan
To be deferred to the next meeting.

8.4 Village Maintenance report and requests
Work has been carried out in Lodge Field as identified in the Risk Assessment but more to be done. To note, maintenance contractor has been away.

8.5 Assertion 10 compliance update
Councillor Ralph has now transferred over the council's emails and will be looking at our website provision.
Councillor Browne asked Councilor Ralph to provide the council with an invoice for the work he has carried out on behalf of the council due to the amount of time he has had to spend on this.

8.6 Councillor Vacancy
This has now been advertised with a closing date of the 23rd October.

9.0 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA
Items to be emailed to the Clerk.

10.0 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING
The next Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 27th October 2026 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.45pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -
All Parish Councillors
Parish Council Noticeboard
Parish Council Website
ESCC Councillor Mark Ashdown
RDC Councillor Barnes.
RDC Councillor Killeen

Signed Cllr. Graham Browne, Chair

Dated 27th Octobr 2026